(b) if so, the steps taken to fulfil his assurance;

(c) whether Tripura Government has submitted any project for the development of Tripura University; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Tripura University has been set up by an Act of the Legislature of Tripura and it is, therefore, primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate Plan and Non-Plan grants for the University. UGC, however, provides development grants, in accordance with the prescribed norms and pattern of assistance,, to the eligible State Universities under various schemes programmes. The proposal submitted by Tripura University for allocation of requisite funds has been forwarded to UGC for appropriate consideration in the light of guidelines framed for the purpose for the 9th Plan period.

Air Services to Vizag

1947. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether consequent upon the industrialisation of Visakhapatnam, there would be more air and air cargo services to Vizag apart from night landing facilities in the local airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Operation of air services, either passenger or cargo, is decided by the airlines, keeping in view the traffic potential/economic viability. Vishakapatnam airport belongs to the Ministry of Defence and Airports Authority has no plans to provide night landing facilities at this airport.

Failure of Trishul

1948. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian missile development programme suffered a setback with the failure of Trishul surface to air missile;

(b) if so, the reasons for its failure;

(c) the total amount spent so far on this project;

(d) whether Russian made Tar Bak S-300 missile are cheaper than the amount spent so far on this project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government are considering a second thought on the project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Trishul is a command guided surface to air missile, with quick reaction and electroic counter measure capabilities, with state-of-the-art technology. It has number of subsystems and ground complex. These have been realised successfully. So far, 33 flight tests have been carried out with important results. Integrated flight system trials have commenced and will be continued till the system is offered for user trials. The missile system will be ready for production in 1998.

(c) The total amount spent on Trishul development so far is Rs. 104 crore.

(d) and (e) S-300, Tor and Trishul are different class of missiles. S-300 is 150 km range theatre defence missile, Tor is a vertical launched short range (12 km) theatre defence missile, whereas Trishul is a quick reaction short range (9 km) missile to be used against aircrafts. Comparison of these three systems is not correct.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Harapan Culture at Dholavira

1949. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Archeological Survey of India has done a commendable work in finding and developing the Harapan culture at Dholavira in Kutch in Gujarat;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken up the site on its tourism map of the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a great need for creating infrastructure for tourism facilities there; and

(d) if so, the details of the Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) The Department of Tourism has prioritised a project to provide Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 28 lakhs during 1997-98 for the creation of tourist facilities at Dholavira.

Criteria for Recruitment

1950. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the IITs are following uniform criteria for recruitment; and